

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-17, 19 and 21-30 were pending.
Claims 1-20, 22-25, 28 and 30 are now cancelled, without
prejudice or disclaimer of that which is defined thereby.
Claims 26, 27 and 29 have been amended. Specifically, these
claims have been amended to change the dependency from Claims 1
and 24 to Claim 21.

Claim 21 remains pending and was indicated to be
allowed, for which Applicants are grateful.

Claim 26 stands objected to as being dependent upon a
rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in
independent form to include all of the recitations of the base
claim and any intervening claims (Action, page 14). Applicants
have done that.

Applicants turn to the substance of the Action.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-13, 15-17, 19 and 22-29 are rejected
under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to
comply with the written description requirement. More
specifically, the Examiner asserts that use of the term "amino

functional silane with alkoxy functionality" constitutes new subject matter.

Applicants' cancellation of claims and amendment addresses and overcomes this rejection.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,880,227). Claims 22 and 23 have been cancelled, thereby rendering moot this rejection.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8, 11, 15, 19, 28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,880,227).

Claims 1-5, 11-13, 17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Stein (U.S. Patent 6,403,105). Applicants' cancellation of these claims renders moot this rejection.

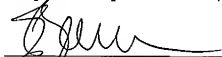
Claims 1, 3-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yorkgitis et al. (U.S. Patent 5,187,015). Applicants' cancellation of these claims renders moot this rejection.

Applicants' cancellation of claims and amendment addresses and overcomes this rejection.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration and passage to issue of the present case are respectfully requested.

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